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Dear Mr. Chan:

Thank you for your letter. I write to confirm the University's willingness to discuss our preliminary research data with you.

I appreciate your acknowledgment that the University does not, in fact, possess a list of buildings in Los Angeles that are a seismic safety risk. Our study, which is nearing completion, is an assessment of the seismic collapse potential of a type of building, older (generally pre-1980) reinforced concrete buildings. It is not a seismic assessment of specific buildings.

I have been made aware that there are sections in the Health & Safety Code (19160-19168) that provide a process for a city to adopt a building inventory describing buildings with high seismic safety risk. This process provides an opportunity for property owners to provide input regarding the accuracy of the inventory that a city creates.

If the city were to decide to generate an inventory, our research team is ready to assist with that process.

The university is separately investigating the legal and ethical constraints upon its delivery of preliminary research data to the city and will be prepared to discuss these issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack Moehle". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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